



CHAMBER NEWS

OCTOBER 2020

BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES

Two T's Trees Dispensary
Established October 1, 2019

Hooker United Methodist Church
Established October 16, 1904

The Hair Place by Ely
Established October 28, 2019

Congratulations to these hometown businesses and members. We appreciate your membership and your contribution to our community.

Plans Made for Holiday Events

Members attending our October Membership meeting were busy making plans for upcoming holiday events. Things are coming together for the Chamber to help promote our downtown and member businesses this holiday season. Scheduled events are:

Halloween

- The Chamber will hold decorating contests for businesses and residences.
Winners will be chosen by popular vote
Voting by Facebook or at bank
Residential – 3 winners of \$50 Commerce Cash
Business – 1 winner of \$50 Commerce Cash
Votes will be counted on Friday, October 30th
- On Halloween day the Chamber will decorate the downtown pavilion and will offer photos and treats from 4-5:30 pm. Chamber members are encouraged to help decorate and/or hand out treats.

Christmas

- The Chamber will hold decorating contests for businesses and residences.
Winners will be chosen by popular vote
Voting by Facebook or at bank
Residential – 3 winners of \$50 Commerce Cash
Business – 1 winner of \$50 Commerce Cash
- Christmas Parade:
Regular parade with viewing along entire route
Turkey/ham drawing winners announced Monday
Decorate pavilion, Santa set up at pavilion
Old fashioned goody bags handed out 3-5 pm
- Cookie Crawl:

The cookie crawl event will remain pretty much the same, with perhaps some changes to the registration and drawings if needed.

Don't forget to decorate!



Chamber Halloween Decorating Contest!

Happy Co-op Month!

100 Local businesses
Members and customers
\$50 Gift certificates

Text 'care' to 2525 to enter.
Visit care.coop

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EDB Grants Available

The Hooker Economic Development Board has approved a 50/50 grant for local businesses. The board will award two grants a year, each up to \$2,500 to match business funds to pay for expenses of structural improvements, aesthetics or equipment. The deadline to apply will be early 2021 and the businesses will need to prove they spent the total to receive the grant funds for half the cost, up to \$2,500. Buddy explained there is a 90-day completion window but during this pandemic that is not feasible since it takes longer to receive supplies and materials, so they are working on bumping that up to six months. Applications are reviewed by the Hooker Economic Development Board which votes on the applications. The grants are funded by the City of Hooker which includes the Economic Development Board in their annual budget to support local businesses. For more information contact Buddy Holbert at (580) 522-1221.



September Ribbon Cuttings

None Scheduled

If you know of a business that may want to join the Chamber we would appreciate your assistance in referring them to one of our officers.

Vote on November 3rd

We encourage all registered voters to make your voice heard. The Oklahoma General Election will be held November 3, 2020. In Hooker the voting location is the First Baptist Church, with polls open from 7 am to 7 pm. The deadline for absentee ballots is October 27, 2020. For a sample ballot and other information visit www.ok.gov/elections/

November Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars to attend our Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 5th at noon. We will be finalizing our upcoming holiday event plans. Your input and ideas are needed.

2020 Chamber Officers:

Mary Beth Puyear, President
Brenda Romero, Vice President
Craig Adams, Treasurer
Sheila Blankenship, Secretary

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2020 Chamber Events

Events are subject to change and updates will be made as needed.

--October 31st -- Halloween Haunted House

--December 5th -- Christmas Parade

--December 10th -- Christmas Cookie Crawl

CHAMBER COMMERCE CASH IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR GIFTS, PRIZES AND AWARDS. GIVE A GIFT THAT PROMOTES SHOPPING LOCALLY! SEE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HOOKER TO PURCHASE. NO PURCHASE FEES. ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS CAN ACCEPT COMMERCE CASH.

Member Business Promotion

Gold and Silver Chamber members are eligible for 2 promotions per year on our website and member communications. To request a promotion, contact Mary Beth Puyear at (580) 522-1655 or email

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